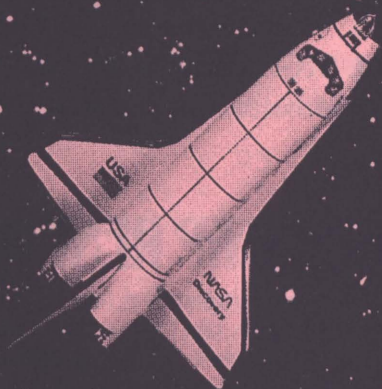


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# EDITORIAL

Judith Magee

Since its inception in 1957, V.U.F.O.R.S. policy has always been to bring to its members and subscribers, highlights on UFO activity and opinions on the subject, from around the world.

These theories, opinions and suggestions do not necessarily express those of the Committee, although among our readers, practically all schools of thought would exist. This Society is fortunate to be in personal contact with scientists and outstanding researchers and investigators world-wide, in the field of ufology.

It was probably inevitable that some adventurous researcher should delve into the aspect of transplants as it is a most controversial subject requiring a great deal more critical and scientific examination to produce, we hope, irrefutable evidence. We are indeed hopeful that such investigation will continue.

There are so many *angles* to this UFO problem - and most are subject to dispute - that when commencing research, one must study or at least have some knowledge of numerous subjects.

Well known science writer and physicist, Otto Binder, writes in one of his books -

*'that scientists will come to learn that there is not one subject that will not, in some way, revolve around the UFO'*

Perhaps there are some individuals among our readership who would care to write their opinions, or of their UFO experience, propound their theories for publication in the Bulletin or Discussion at the Hall.

If so, please submit your paper or report. If the editors consider it appropriate we will publish it.

## GUEST ARTICLE



### GRAVE DAYS

As all FSR readers must surely be aware, the indications that we are now approaching exceptionally significant and fateful times for the whole of mankind come not just from "Ufology" (whatever that may be), not just from Ecology, not just from Astronomy and Physics, not just from Human Politics and International Relations, and not just from Religion or from Prophecy, but seemingly from every branch of study or of human activity. *And all these factors are coming into play simultaneously.*

And there are two statements on which we might all ponder. The first, made recently by a Nobel Prize Winner, Dr George Wald, of Harvard University:-

"I think human life is threatened as never before in the history of the Planet. Not just one peril, but by many perils that are all working together AND COMING TO A HEAD AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. And that time lies very close to the year 2000. I am one of those scientists who find it hard to see how the human race is to bring itself much past the year 2000".

The other statement, made somewhat earlier, is to be found in the *New Testament*, (LUKE XXI, 25, 26):-

"And there shall be signs in the Sun, the Moon, and the stars; and upon earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of the heavens be shaken".

Of all these serious factors which now appear to be threatening the future existence of mankind, assuredly the most urgent and most menacing is that which is posed by *Alien Intelligences* (be these what we usually call "extraterrestrial", or "ultra-terrestrial", or metaterrestrial" — a term occasionally used by Dr Allen Hynek). And we now have abundant evidence that President Reagan always had this possibility very much in the forefront of his mind (as also all Presidents before him since 1947!), and that it has been, for a long time past, a subject of intense discussion between the American and the Soviet Governments.

There is, in particular, considerable evidence to indicate that President Reagan had reason to fear that there would be some sort of major action against mankind by Alien Forces somewhere during this period of 1990-1992. (We shall probably have a lot more to say on this matter in the near future.)

As for the reality of our present situation, the stark fact is that once again the peace and stability of human society are being gravely threatened by a powerfully armed military maniac — all of whose deadly equipment has been supplied by the rest of us!

Another great World War may be in the making, and it is difficult to overlook the dread possibility that, as on all occasions such as this, the baser proclivities and instincts that are present in many human beings are being deliberately utilized as a cloak or screen or as a diversionary operation aimed at drawing our attention away from something else. And an even more terrifying possibility — for which one could adduce quite a lot of evidence — is that nefarious non-human agencies not merely utilize human wars as cover, BUT ACTUALLY ENGINEER SUCH WARS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

Whatever the position may be, we may rest assured that, if President Reagan laid his thoughts about all these matters, then his highly competent successor, together with other key-personnel in his Administration, are fully cognisant of some of these deeper aspects of the world situation.

An interesting factor to be borne in mind is that at least *one* political leader of a modern state has testified to his belief that alien agencies, operating what we call "UFOs", do exist. (See our article on page 20 of FSR 33/3.) That leader is President Hafez Assad of Syria. And it is interesting to note that he is now reported to be sending Syrian troops to stand alongside those of Egypt and Morocco, in the defence of freedom, against his old enemy and rival, Sadaam Hussein of Iraq.

None of us knows precisely what is happening. We see "*through a glass, darkly* . . ." There are several possible explanations for what we see occurring in our world today. But the wise man or woman may not be far off the mark if he or she should conclude that we are seeing what may quite possibly be only a small portion of a far vaster cosmic struggle which has been going on for a long time. There is plenty to indicate that two Great Powers or Great Forces are involved. Our chief difficulty derives from the fact that we do not even know which of those Powers has the control of this planet at present.

As for those who fear the possibility of a major nuclear war, it is worth remembering that, as was strongly indicated in the book *CLEAR INTENT* by Fawcett and Greenwood (now republished as *THE UFO COVER-UP*), since as far back as at least 1974, UFOs have overflown American missile sites and rendered the war-heads inoperable. It seems clear therefore that at least *SOMEBODY* intends that there shall be no use of American nuclear missiles. Since, however, we have still no idea whatever as to which side is in control here, we have no reason yet for feeling any assurance that the controlling power might not look with approval upon the doings of the Thief of Baghdad. Only time will tell. But whatever the short-term prospect may be, we can take it as absolutely certain that *OUT THERE, ABOVE AND BEYOND IT ALL, THERE IS AN ULTIMATE POWER WHICH HAS ITS EYE UPON THE SADAAMS OF THIS WORLD.* And we can rest in that certainty.



## THE IMPLANT ENIGMA

A male UFO abduction victim living in Houston is puzzled and worried about the possibility that a device of some type was implanted somewhere in the side of his head by his abductors. He claims he can feel the effects of the implant at certain times. Sounds seem to be transmitted into his head via the implant.

Another male abduction victim, barely 12 years old, claimed that small creatures took him from his bed, stuck a needle into his upper arm and then opened a square patch of skin on the left side of his head. His parents are worried that he may have received an implant of some type.

Many other abductees claim they have been given implants up the nose, in the back of the neck, in the facial area, into the spinal area and at other locations for some unknown (to them) purpose. Many report they were abducted another time so the implant could be removed.

Doctors have reported removing subcutaneous artifacts from patients for many years. Their job was to get rid of a foreign body blamed for causing discomfort or pain to the patient. It is possible that some of these artifacts could be of the variety claimed by abductees to be their implants. Adding to the mystery is the fact that few doctors are prepared to deal with the abduction problem, implants or not.

Many researchers have avoided the implant issue for years for a variety of reasons. However, because the number of abduction cases continues to grow; it is time to establish a protocol, collect hard data, speculate on the purpose, model the conditions, and bring implants into the laboratory. And some of this has begun; but not on a broad scale.

A very interesting laboratory analysis of an implant was presented at the TREAT II conference. No bizarre claims were made, but very detailed laboratory analysis results were presented. It was a good start.

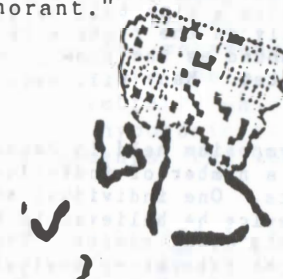
Many people feel that the whole implant problem is imaginary. Because it is difficult to picture how implants would work or why they are there, it is simpler to ignore them. We may look back one of these days and find this approach was akin to the treatment given to the premise that rocks fell from the sky.

Medical doctors began using implants on human beings several years ago in order to extend human life. Cardiac pacemakers are one of the more successful examples. Plastic and metal units have been miniturized to fit neatly into the human body.

Another example of human implants are the slow release medicines inserted just under the skin by practitioners. The latest example is the use of a tiny amount of brain tissue from an aborted fetus

and implanted into the brain of a man suffering from Parkinson's disease. The patient showed significant recovery. He was able to walk better and no longer uses a cane when at home. His speech also improved. Experiments with rats has shown that fetal cells transplanted into the brain can grow and produce dopamine, a brain chemical necessary for normal, controlled muscle movements.

Most intriguing is the report from NATURE, Vol. 323, dated September 25, 1986. Drs. John Wolstenholme, Ian Harlow, George Clarke, Hilary Sheridan, Jon Jonasson, Mark Crocker, and Helen Matthews of the Department of Genetics, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 7LJ, England; reported finding a mystery object amid the chromosomes. Their report is as follows: "The very tiny object shown below, much like a fragmented crossword in appearance, was recently found in one of our routine chromosome preparations for prenatal diagnosis following amniocentesis. But what is it? Is it a man-made device? Packing text as binary coded information on the miniature scale would seem advantageous. Or is it a naturally occurring substance? None of the possibilities we have been able to think of would seem to be appropriate for amniotic fluid, so if anybody is able to suggest an answer to this mystery we would like to have it. We are intrigued as we are ignorant."



(the scale bar is 10µm)

It is not the intent of this monograph to argue whether or not abductions are real or whether or not implants exist. Instead, it is hoped that more researchers will take the implant issue seriously, keep their egos intact, and look at the possibilities. Any other approach is to permit wild speculation and distrust to rule and this is a service to no one. Many people now believe that the implants are there as a way of monitoring or controlling their behavior. A few are believed to be tiny transceivers for the purpose of communicating in one way or another. And a few people believe the implants were put there to help them overcome some life threatening condition. These, and other beliefs, are interesting; however, it is time to go beyond the belief barrier to find some real answers. Fortunately, this is one part of the abduction issue available for laboratory analysis.

I am considering the implant issue as a part of my catalog of medical and psychological effects resulting from UFO reports. I would appreciate receiving further information on this subject from anyone willing to share the information. I believe it is for a good cause.



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THE IMPLANT ENIGMA - PART II

Abduction researcher Budd Hopkins describes instances of apparent nasal cavity implants in his books MISSING TIME and INTRUDERS. In one of these cases a mother described a probe being inserted in her daughter's nose. She said there was "a little ball" on the end of the probe. The ball was "smaller than a BB". She was quite distressed when the probe was removed and the ball was not.

In his book the WATCHERS, Raymond Fowler describes how the alien doctors used a long flexible needle to retrieve an object from the nose of Betty Andreasson. He said the object "was the size of a BB and seemed to have tiny wires sticking out of it."

In the same book, Fowler quotes the work of Dr. Richard Neal, Jr. on the subject of implants. Dr. Neal says "many abductees have described a thin probe with a tiny ball on its end being inserted into the nostril - usually on the right side. They are able to hear a "crushing" type sound as the bone in this area is apparently being penetrated. Many will have nosebleeds following these examinations."

During the 1990 MUFON Symposium held in Pensacola, Florida, I was privileged to meet with a number of individuals claiming various experiences with implants. One individual shared the results of laboratory tests on a device he believed to be an implant which had been expelled from his nasal cavity. The results appeared to compare favorable with the laboratory analysis of another individual's expelled implant. This was not a wild claim on his part, as he had the results of the laboratory work in hand. This data will not be released until the research is completed.

A researcher from Kansas has shared information about his four year quest for information in a specific case involving implants. He says he has evidence that the implants are found in a number of organs, including the brain. He says that this evidence has converted him from skeptic to serious researcher. The implants seem to be used for monitoring and communication.

UFO abductions have been investigated by only a few serious researchers. Those individuals have discovered among other interesting things that implants do appear to exist as I have noted in the previous paragraphs. They have found it difficult to get other researchers to do little more than armchair investigations to verify or reject their claims. Is it any wonder that they express disappointment and irritation at the lack of progress that has been made in this field?

In THE IMPLANT ENIGMA (Part I), I described the work of some British scientists and their report of finding a mystery object amid the chromosomes. The object was many times smaller than the alleged UFO implants; but this tiny object had been spotted in the laboratory. My point was that scientists find and identify strange anomalies on a continuing basis. Why not apply the same techniques to locating and identifying UFO artifacts located anywhere in the human body? The mystery object among the chromosomes was identified in a letter from a group of scientists at the New Mexico School of Medicine in the 30 October 1986 issue of NATURE as follows.

"The mystery object in Wolstenholme's chromosome preparation is a fragment of the silica skeleton of an alga known as a diatom. We had significant problems with contamination from this tiny organism's remains for several years. Eventually we accidentally discovered that the source of the contamination was diatomaceous particles from rubber bulbs placed on Pasteur pipettes, used for the harvesting phase of chromosome preparations. Diatomaceous earth is apparently used by some manufacturers in the production of rubber goods."

"Diatom particles clung to many cells, cutting their membranes and releasing the contents (in the same manner that diatomaceous earth is used as an organic insecticide). This diminished the numbers of well-spread chromosome metaphases. The particularly vulnerable cells in this procedure were those in metaphase (and therefore without a nuclear membrane) which were under internal osmotic pressure due to prior hypotonic treatment. The greater the dose of diatomaceous fragments, the more cells in metaphase that were affected...."

This answer seems plausible to me and it strengthens my belief that we can identify and analyze UFO implants (if they exist). One reader of the MUFON UFO Journal, Rich Clark of Berkeley, California, provided additional verification that the British mystery is solved. He referred to letters in the October 23, 1986 issue of NATURE as well as the October 30 issue. Rich says "my first thought was that it likely was a hoax, possibly a prank engineered by the lab technicians...." After some reflection, he reviewed the contents of the various letters to NATURE and agreed with the consensus of the writers, "that the object was a piece of the silica skeleton of a diatom, which possess that kind of regular square pattern. Blacked-in squares may have been caused by air bubbles retained during the process of mounting the slide. The source could have been lab equipment since diatomite is used in lab filters and in the manufacture of rubber goods."

I believe we do have the capability to solve very difficult mysteries, regardless of their physical size. In THE IMPLANT ENIGMA - PART III, we will explore some of the technology available for use on implants.



## ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman (c)

Results from the VUFORS publicity campaign to gain information from the wheat belt of Victoria, with regard to mystery circles, have been disappointing, although, reports have been received concerning incidents occurring during previous years.

One of the more interesting cases occurred in December, 1988, when a farmer was buzzed by a cigar shaped object. The object passed low overhead causing the lights of his tractor to blink out and the instruments to malfunction. Nearby, a circle was found in the vegetation and the water level had dropped in the dam. This was obvious because rusty 44 gallon drums on the bottom of the pond were uncovered.

Another case was reported by three farmers who said that back in 1982, an object with blue coloured lights was seen on the ground near their farm house. They found a 7 meter circle where the object had rested. Nothing grew in this circle for several years. One of the farmers did not realize his water tank was empty until he started to take his morning shower.

Of special interest is the increasing number of yellow lights being reported, and we are paying particular attention to these reports as they may be adding up to some major incident. A typical example is a report from a couple who were walking from their garden at approximately 9.30 pm, when something caused them to look up. There was a brilliant white light which changed to yellow before it shot across the sky at "incredible speed".

The major problems concerning these sightings are that the dates are not remembered, notes are not taken by the witnesses and they do not report immediately for fear of ridicule. This is delightful news to the sceptics, who already have more cases on hand than they can successfully debunk, but not to UFO investigators.

One of the reports that did come to our attention where the date was given because the sighting occurred on a holiday, Easter Friday, occurred on 13 April, 1990. One of the witnesses was a mechanical engineer, the other was a high school teacher with a degree in science. At about 2.30 am they saw a large, yellow light speeding from the south-east. When it was directly in front of them, they could see the outline of a solid looking object which began to fly in a circle for about three minutes.

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The colour then changed from yellow to red as it sped away in an east-southeast direction. The witnesses were walking along the footpath and could hear no sound.

From 11.30 pm to midnight, November 6, 1990, four motorists were driving west to visit relatives near Kerang, when they observed some lights in the sky doing "funny movements". The lights were moving erratically, up and down, and then hovering for a few moments before repeating the same movements. The four observers decided to stop so they could get a better view. Moments later, one of the objects approached the car, and as it passed a few metres overhead, they could see it was diamond shaped and about four times larger than their car. The object made no sound. The edges of the object were described as having a padded appearance or tubular. On the front was a large red light and a small white light, one light was yellow. It moved slowly over the car but sped away at a rapid speed, joining up with another light then made a number of vertical and hovering movements. The driver said she then started the car and drove slowly away, viewing the activity in the rear view mirror.

We wonder how closely this incident came to being a Knowles family case of January 1988, near Mundrabilla on the

Nullarbor Plain, in Western Australia?

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## OVERVIEW OF THE UFO PHENOMENON

The article by Dr Willy Smith continues from the March edition. We apologise for the half page overlap which is due to page 18 (March edition) being printed out of context.

### 3. THE EXPLANATIONS

In a recent editorial (Ref. 1) Jerome K. Clark states categorically that:

"In 1990 ufology has three serious schools of thought: extraterrestrial, psychosocial/neoskeptical, and geo-physical",

and indicates his willingness to promote an open debate from the pages of the IUR, although to this time no papers related to the issue have been published in the pages of the IUR.

I will not argue whether those "schools" are serious, but it is patently obvious that Clark's view is somewhat simplified if not incomplete. First, I would hesitate to call them schools of thought, because as their names reveal, all that is considered is the origin of the manifestations that we loosely define as the UFO phenomenon. No demonstrable and/or convincing evidence, either in the scientific or judicial sense, is ever offered in support of those viewpoints, and the immense majority of the papers appearing nowadays in the literature are of the "arm waving" variety. In addition --as Mr. Clark surely must know-- there are other approaches to the UFO phenomenon, of which I will mention only three, two of which occupy the extremes of the range.

(a) The scientific approach, long ago championed by Dr. Hynek, in which the need to study the phenomenon in depth before coming to premature conclusions is recognized. It is, of course, the hardest way, requiring dedication and

perseverance, and consists of the systematic application of the scientific method. There are many researchers around the world who follow this path, but the work in general is done without public fanfare, as has always been the way of science. To mention a few names, we have V.J. Ballester Olmos in Spain, Denys Breysee (BECASSINE Project) and Claude Mauge (CLASSCAT) in France, Dr. Richard Haines (world catalog of pilot cases) and the UNICAT Project in the United States, and a few others surrounded by small dedicated groups of associates and collaborators.

(b) Another approach is what could only be described as political ufology. I think it is about time to be specific about this "school" of thought, which has not been properly defined until now. I even suspect that what Mr. Clark calls neoskepticism --but fails to define-- might be one of the split factions of the foreign variety.

A political ufologist (P.U. from hereon) is an individual who in fact does not believe in the objective reality of the UFO phenomenon, but uses it for personal aggrandizement and intellectual stimulation, fomenting debate which gives him public exposure. He writes extensively, not about the phenomenon itself but on controversial issues, the researchers, their hypotheses and opinions --not as they are but as he perceives them-- finding them almost invariably lacking. His conclusions are never substantiated by a logical argument, and he makes a point of not providing references which others could verify. Often enough he is sorely deficient in his education, a fact that is masked very efficiently by his excellent prose and the flair of his passionate rhetoric.

The P.U. is not a Johnny come lately on the ufological scene: he has been there for years, but like the chameleon, his protective coloration allows him to go undetected unless an extraordinary event removes his disguise. Perhaps due to the universal dissatisfaction generated by the lack of progress on the UFO problem, his numbers have increased all over the world, [mainly in Europe where he has been prevalent for the last 5 or 10 years].

He possesses very typical characteristics, which set him apart within the ufological community, but so far no effort has been made to systematically specify those traits. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the P.U. is his complete lack of scientific knowledge, which in most cases does not prevent him from making Solomonic judgement on matters totally foreign to his training and experience. From his limited viewpoint, he believes that anyone with common sense can issue valid opinions on ufological issues, oblivious to the fact that those will always be just that: opinions

Political ufologists seem to be unaware that what makes a scientist is not only knowledge, but a mental perspective which can't be improvised. Acquired after years and years of familiarity with his discipline, his outlook allows him to



focus on a problem and attack it in a way which only his training can provide. This is not a prerogative of science, but in fact, is found in all disciplines: a lawyer, for instance, or a mathematician or a doctor or a policeman, faces the daily events of life from the reference frame provided by his professional experience. Perhaps only in ufology does every person believe himself qualified to deal with whatever situation confronts him.

But the case of the P.U. is perhaps worse, as many of them have a very limited education. Many are high-school graduates who couldn't hack it in the highly competitive academic world: they become college dropouts, but remained interested in the UFO phenomenon, which at this point could be no more than a hobby for them. The need to make a living pushed them in different directions: a clerk in a bus company, a gas meter reader, a civil employee, a free lance artist, and for those with some talent in writing, the opportunity to earn some money while pursuing a dear hobby.

The typical P.U. does not do field work. He has not investigated many cases --if any-- and his overview of the subject is based exclusively on his readings, which often enough are heavily tainted by his preconceptions of the real nature of the phenomenon.

(c) A third school of thought not clearly identified by J.K. Clark is the total skeptic, typified by the approach promoted by CSICOP. Their philosophy is simple: there is no such thing as UFOs. All cases are either misinterpretations of natural phenomena or hoaxes, and the aim is to prove their viewpoint by dissecting each UFO incident which has acquired notoriety. Needless to say, this is not a scientific approach, because even if they succeeded in providing an alternate "solution" for all the cases they study, there is no guarantee that hidden in the myriad of cases still to be considered there is not one --and one is all it would take-- that could not be explained in conventional terms and which would verify the reality of the UFO phenomenon. The approach, then, is vitiated in principle, and I personally don't believe that they have succeeded in offering satisfactory explanations for many of the incidents they have analysed. The several hundred quality cases contained in the UNICAT Project data bases tell me a different story. But it must be noticed that their approach is more charitable than the position taken by the supporters of the psycho-sociological school: there are no UFOs, hence, those reporting them are only broadcasting their mental problems.

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#### A Scheme of Science

Contemplation of the world surrounding him soon convinced man that his observations do not follow a never repeating pattern, but on the contrary, there are causes and effects pointing toward a basic interdependence. The purpose of science is to account for the nature of the observations, to recognize order in the apparently chaotic environment, deducing the underlying laws which eventually will lead to hypotheses and theories. Science is experimental, not a construct existing independently of the observer, and could be defined as the systematic study of the relationships following from observations of the world.

According to the nature of the object under consideration, the sciences are traditionally divided into branches, and in a broader sense, they can be grouped into four categories.

##### (a) Natural Sciences.

They are referred to as the hard sciences, and <sup>the</sup> most important are:

(i) Biology: the subject matter is living organisms.

(ii) Chemistry: studies how different substances react with each other. But living organisms depend on chemical processes converting food into energy; hence biology depends on chemistry.

(iii) Physics: the study of matter and energy. Since matter is an aggregate of atoms and molecules, chemistry depends on physics.

There exist other branches, initially independent, such as geology (study of Earth), astronomy (study of planets and stars), cosmology (study of the universe). In general, the more a branch of science develops, the more it is going to overlap with other branches. At the same time, the increasing complexity demands more specialization by the practitioners.

##### (b) Pseudo-sciences.

Referred to by some as the soft sciences, they are branches of knowledge which borrow from the methodology and prestige of the natural sciences, and yet lack some fundamental characteristics of science:

- (i) causality law, a direct connection between causes and effects.
- (ii) predictive character, i.e., to foresee the outcome of a situation or the results of an experiment.



- (iii) absence of a paradigm, which in fact typifies the soft sciences.

We use here the term paradigm in the sense established by Kuhn (Ref. 1), i.e., some implicit body of intertwined theoretical and methodological beliefs which permits the selection, evaluation and critical analysis of the data. It satisfies at least two requirements: (a) consensus, i.e., it is followed by all the practitioners of the discipline; and (b) must be open-ended, pointing to new problems to be solved, and orienting research within its framework.

Some mention should be made at this point of the concept of falsifiability pioneered by Sir Karl Popper (Ref. 2), and whose meaning is continuously confused by non-scientists dabbling in ufology (Ref. 3). In essence, it states that a scientific hypothesis is always falsifiable, i.e., that an experiment could be conceived to demonstrate a hypothesis to be false; but the reverse is not true: not all falsifiable hypotheses are scientific. Examples abound, and in a ufological context it is enough to mention the so-called birth trauma theory proposed by Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, an English professor, a few years back (Ref. 4 and Ref. 5).

The prefix pseudo does not have a derogatory connotation, as it would in everyday language, but simply emphasizes the limitations of those particular disciplines. However, this distinction has been ignored by some ill-informed ufologists (Ref. 6).

The best known examples of pseudo-sciences are:

(i) Psychology, in which the subject matter is the individual. It has been argued that in spite of its experimental nature psychology will never have a paradigm (Ref. 7).

(ii) Sociology, which studies human conglomerates.

(iii) Political science, in which the subject matter is the government of social groups.

#### (c) False sciences.

They are really arts, which apply scientific principles and the discoveries of science without clear knowledge of what is involved. The most outstanding example is:

(i) Medicine. Only a very few diseases are fully understood and cured, and even some simple things, like the common cold, why men get bald, or why aspirin works, are unresolved puzzles. What medicine does, essentially, is improve the functioning of the human body by providing proper care, optimizing recovery as nature follows its course. Of course, apparently surgery does not satisfy this outline, until one considers that in general we don't know the causes

of the illness --like cancer-- requiring the surgery. If anything, the surgeon is an artist in his own field, requiring years of hands-on experience to excel in his profession.

Other examples of false sciences are astrology and alchemy, which in the historical context gave birth to astronomy and chemistry respectively. A third example is allopathy.

#### (d) Exact sciences.

Sometimes called the pure sciences, they are characterized by their object of study having no counterpart in nature. They are creations of the human mind, and as such, possess extraordinary breadth and depth. The only example that comes to mind is mathematics, which is the fundamental tool of the natural sciences, specially of physics.

#### What about ufology?

Admittedly, the above outline is only a simplified scheme portraying the complexity of the building of science, mainly aimed at those unfamiliar with the topic. The question is now: how does ufology fit into the picture?

The answer is: it doesn't. The development of ufology has been seriously handicapped by the practitioners' lack of unity and common goals, and the systematic disregard of the scientific method. The amount of evidence collected is sufficient to establish the existence of a problem, that something outside the realm of conventional science really exists, and is enough to justify the systematic collection of pertinent data. This is precisely what has not been done. Although information has been acquired for more than forty years, the quality of the data is so varied that it makes all statistical attempts at interpretation worthless.

Until such time as the data have been seriously collected and systematically studied, ufology is no more than a proto-science, which could evolve into a true science or into a pseudo-science. Since conceived by Dr. Hynek in 1984, the UNICAT Project has been engaged in the creation of a data base of representative UFO cases, from which correlations and conclusions can be extracted. Contrary to what ill-informed critics claim (Ref. 8) no a priori hypothesis on the nature of the UFO phenomenon has been assumed, as has been done in the past by so many on the basis of very questionable data.

Dr. Willy Smith  
UNICAT Project  
(C) November 1990



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## TIME

Time has always been one of the biggest problems through the ages. Not enough, too much, out of, gained, lost etc.... This has happened to everybody who can read this.

Our idea of what time means to us is well-known. But what is time by itself? Exclude the events that give you a sequence and think of time in a raw sense, (hard to do).

Although you have grown up with time in your every day life, it's nothing new to you. So how old is it? Since the beginning of anything that was (or is), older than the age of anything you know, or is it?

Since science defines matter and energy as that which can neither be created nor destroyed, then all that is, is reused matter and energy.

Maybe, in that case, the brand new car you've just bought is really second-hand, although you paid a brand new price for it! To take it to the ridiculous, the matter and energy used to make up your body was created when time began.

Sorry love, how old did you say you were?

By Peter Close.

# U.F.O. sightings

**Three Unidentified Flying Objects were sighted over Metung on Sunday between 11.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.**

Two of the objects were seen flying together and another spotted later, but following the same path.

Four separate sightings have been reported, the U.F.O.'s being described as, "Bright orange and much bigger than a star".

Mr Tony Claridge and four other persons sighted the objects from his home in Broadlands Road, Metung.

"My wife saw them first - travelling slowly from north to south.

"They were orange, approximately four times brighter than a star and we could see them quite clearly," he said.

"It looked as though

they came from the mountain area and both maintained their exact position in relation to the other.

"One of the strange things about it was that there was no noise at all.

"After they reached a point they turned and headed westwards in the direction of Bairnsdale but disappeared.

"Later, another showed up and followed exactly the same path, before it too disappeared," Mr Claridge said.

From her home on Tambo Bluff, Mrs Heather Coleman saw two U.F.O.'s through her curtains at approximately the same time as Mr Claridge.

She then took up a viewing point on the verandah.

"I looked at them through the binoculars. They were orange and

appeared to have a red centre.

"They were moving slowly but there was no noise," Mrs Coleman said.

From her home on Tambo Bluff, Mrs Jenny Bonwick also saw the two lights at the corresponding time.

She said they seemed to be reasonably close but made no noise.

"I watched them head towards Raymond Island and fade off into the fog," Mrs Bonwick said.

A sighting has also been recorded by a Lakes Entrance woman, who was surf fishing in Lakes Entrance at the time.

Strangely, it is believed a number of U.F.O. sightings were reported throughout Europe on Monday night and confirmed by pilots.

The Sightings Officer.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a cutting from the Bairnsdale Advertiser, Friday November 9th, front page. I know Mr Claridge and can vouch for his veracity.

Prior to this report, a red round object was observed to the west of Paynesville, when the moon was at its first quarter. This was at around midnight, date uncertain.

I hope this can be of some use to you.

Yours faithfully,

D. Haylock,  
East Vic. Rep.

Bairnsdale Advertiser 9/11/90.



# Galileo finds no life on planet of iron

From MICHELANGELO RUCCI in New York

SEEN a planet once, seen it all, right? Not so, says the United States space agency NASA which recently sent the Jupiter-bound Galileo spacecraft past Earth to prove the point.

Galileo, passing 1300km near Earth, treated the third planet from the Sun as a new find.

It learned from the strong gravitational pull that the planet must comprise mainly rock and iron. It is surrounded by intense belts of radiation.

The surface has mainly water, but there is a continent of rock and ice on its south pole. Lightning flares across the planet.

The atmosphere is mostly nitrogen but there are significant quantities of oxygen, nitrous oxide and methane, all indicators that the planet has life.

But is it intelligent?

"We don't see anything in the pictures that would indicate intelligent life," NASA's chief scientist for the Galileo project Dr Torrence Johnson said.

But this is Earth. We all know (or believe) there is intelligent life here. Send Galileo back on a different route to find it.

NASA has proven its point that its glimpses at planets don't give the full picture and future expeditions are warranted at a time when the space agency's budget is being severely pruned by the US Congress.

"This is an excellent ex-

ample of why, if you have been to a planet once, you want to go back again for another, longer look," Dr Johnson said.

NASA had offered the Galileo exercise as the best way to show the world how its scientists analysed Mars, Saturn and most of the other planets. It was to have shown how reliable NASA's reconnaissance practices were.

Galileo's path — over the Atlantic Ocean to the South Pacific, central Australia and Antarctica — followed the most unprepossessing zones of the planet. Had Galileo been over the Northern Hemisphere the clues of intelligent life would have been much clearer.

The Great Wall of China, the powerlines through the Canadian forests and the lights of huge cities would have been revealed.

Galileo's cameras, which are incapable of detecting anything smaller than half a mile across, found only one strange being in its journey across Earth — a structure standing out against the white background of the South Pole.

"That is possibly the only direct evidence of the people who occupy this planet," the head of the photo-interpretation team assembled for the Galileo project from the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, Dr Michael Belton, said.

NASA has enough precedents from its Mars expeditions to prove not all can be

learned of a planet by just one sweep.

In the 1960s it sent three Mariners to Mars. All three had a distant view of the planet's southern hemisphere noting a cratered landscape like that of the moon.

But when Mariner 9 orbited Mars in 1971 and mapped the full planet, scientists saw towering volcanic peaks, yawning canyons and many dried channels proving water did once flow across Mars in abundance.

Galileo heads to Jupiter for a 1995 rendezvous. Galileo's search for extraterrestrial life is left to radio antennas which were not used in the Earth study.

The spacecraft has infrared mapping instruments that provided certain evidence that life did exist on Earth.

Galileo has so far swung past Venus, looked at Earth and used its gravity to change direction and pick up speed. It will pass by Earth again in December 1992 looking for a final boost to swing into the outer universe for a meeting with Jupiter.

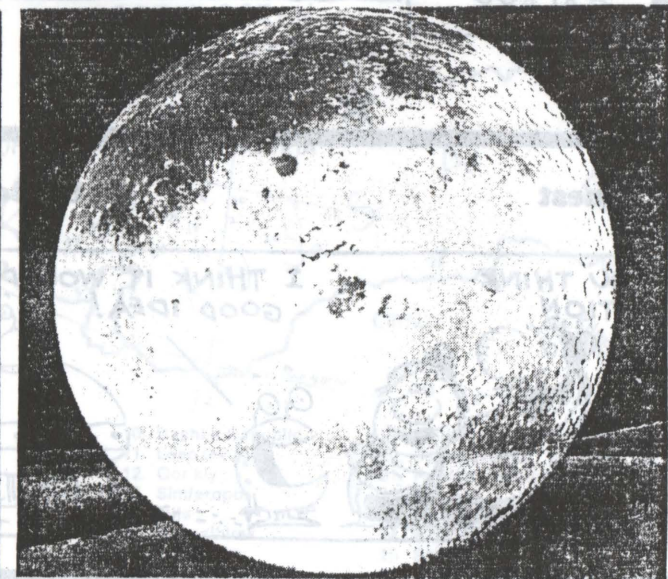
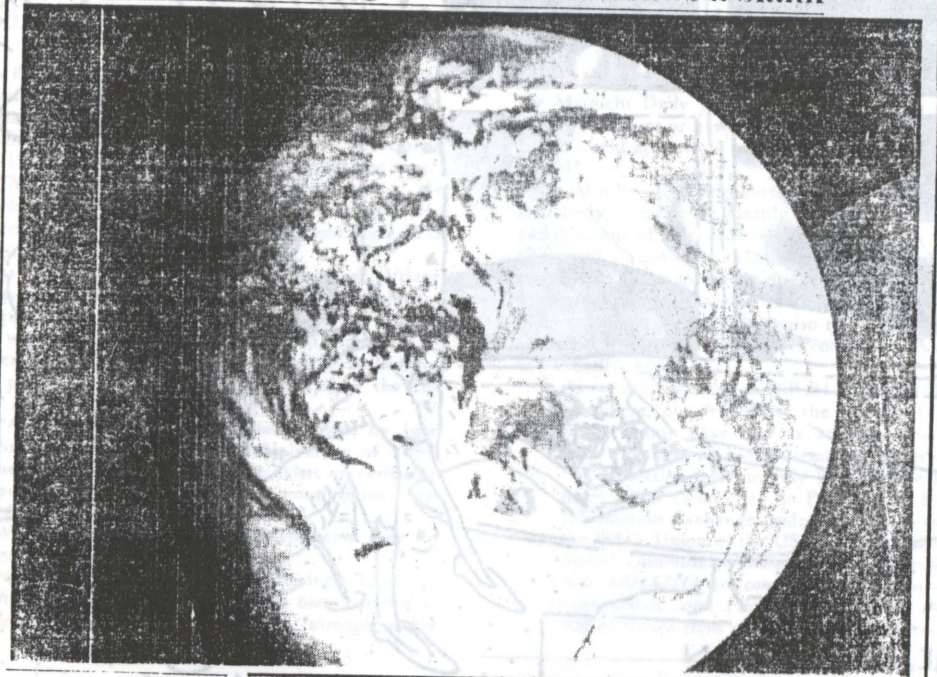
Once in Jupiter's orbit, Galileo will drop a probe into the planet's atmosphere, then survey its four main moons.

From the Earth watch, NASA, which has been embarrassed by failures on the space shuttle and Hubble Telescope, concluded all was well with Galileo's equipment — even if it didn't find intelligent life here.

Perhaps next time.

## COMPUTERS & HIGH TECHNOLOGY

### Search for intelligence on Earth draws a blank



Galileo's image Earth, top, shows the Antarctic at the bottom of the planet. Its image of the moon, above, highlights the Orientale Basin in the centre





Frank and Ernest

by Bob Thaves



## MORE REPORTS FROM RUSSIA I – SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS ON VORONEZH

Gordon Creighton ©

In FSR 34/4 and 35/1 we reported at considerable length on the extraordinary events that are claimed to have occurred at Voronezh, a city some 300 miles south-east of Moscow, on the evening of September 27, 1989, and on various other days around that time.

The foreign reports on the case went around the world, and the result is that our file on Voronezh is the largest that we have accumulated on any one single UFO story.

As we reported, the Mayor of Voronezh, Viktor Atlasov, lost no time in setting up a Commission of Enquiry. And, as we also recorded (FSR 34/4, page 10) we finally received a clipping dated Monday, October 30, 1989, from the English-language edition of the prestigious Japanese national newspaper, the Tokyo *Mainichi Daily News*, stating that:

"A Soviet scientific commission headed by Igor Sarotsev, Vice-Rector of the University of Voronezh, has concluded that there exists no verifiable proof of a landing by aliens last month in the town of Voronezh."

Well, of course, such a conclusion, and such an announcement, were to be expected!

What "bugs us" about the entire business, however, is this: since the Voronezh story had been reported so widely, and with so much hysteria, throughout the

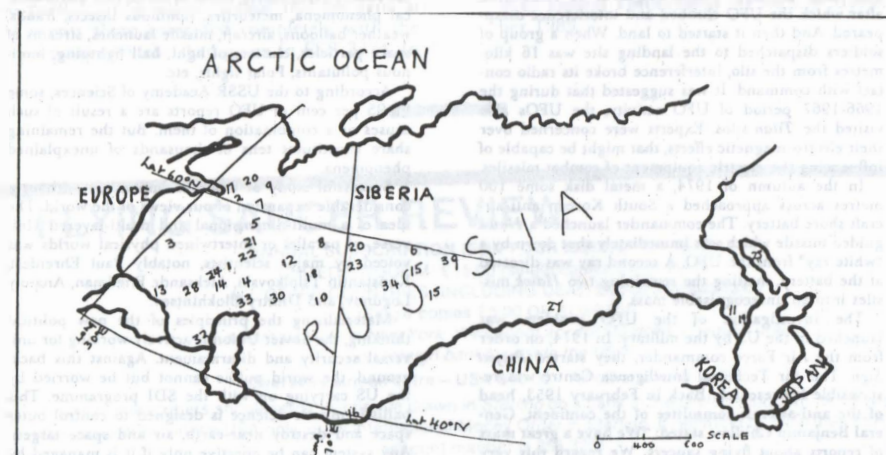
world, how then does it come about that — apart from the *Mainichi Daily News* in Japan — not a single other newspaper or news agency anywhere else in the entire world appears to have carried this remarkable denial?

Could it be — we find ourselves wondering — that somebody, somewhere, hastily gave orders to soft-pedal it, out of fear of looking foolish? or — more likely still — out of fear that, after so much publicity world-wide, and so much discussion, nobody anywhere was likely to swallow the denial?

Be that as it may, there are also two other important items to be mentioned in this connection. And we will identify them:—

1. As we also reported in FSR 34/4 (page 10), and elsewhere, our friends of the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group have sent us an item which we have translated and which reads as follows:

"In its session held on July 5, 1989, the Presidium of the Committee on Problems of Energy Information Exchange under the Directorate of the N.I.O. Union of the USSR established a *Ufological Commission*. Dotsent (Assistant Professor) V.G. AZHAZHA was confirmed as *President* of the Commission, with Pilot-Cosmonaut P.R. POPOVICH, Twice-Hero of the U.S.S.R., as Vice-Presi-



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(positions very approximate)



dent." So here — once again for the "umpteenth time" — we have the USSR "establishing a Commission to study UFOs".

2. The important official military publication **SOVIET MILITARY REVIEW** (June 1989) carried an article entitled "UFOs AND SECURITY" and signed by Aleksandr Kuzovkin and Aleksandr Semyonov. (The first-named, a Doctor of Science, was a close friend and academic colleague of the late Dr Feliks Zigel, the "founder and pioneer of Soviet UFOlogy", and when Zigel died in December 1988, Kuzovkin took his place as Lecturer in Mathematics, Physics, and Astronomy, at the prestigious MOSCOW AVIATION INSTITUTE). We think the article speaks for itself, and proves that, like the Government of the USA and other countries, the Soviet Government takes the UFOs very seriously indeed. The full text of the article is as follows:—

#### SOVIET MILITARY REVIEW

(June 1989)

(Translation from Russian — abridged)

#### UFOS AND SECURITY

Aleksandr Kuzovkin, Aleksandr Semyonov

Since 1947, when American citizen Kenneth Arnold saw from his plane strange glimmering objects in the mountains, the world has been talking about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). The appearance of UFOs is from time to time reported in newspapers and magazines, radio and television. They are all analysed by scientists.

On August 25, 1966, a USAF officer working on a *Minuteman* missile in North Dakota saw that his radio had stopped functioning. He was 18 metres down in the concrete silo. The ground crew reported that they saw a UFO which alternately descended and climbed. The radar detected it at a height of 30 kilometres, after which the UFO climbed and interference disappeared. And then it started to land. When a group of soldiers dispatched to the landing site was 16 kilometres from the silo, interference broke its radio contact with command. It was suggested that during the 1966-1967 period of UFO activity, the UFOs also visited the *Titan* silos. Experts were concerned over their electro-magnetic effects, that might be capable of influencing the electric equipment of combat missiles.

In the autumn of 1974, a metal disk some 100 metres across approached a South Korean anti-aircraft shore battery. The commander launched a *Hawk* guided missile which was immediately shot down by a "white ray" from the UFO. A second ray was directed at the battery, melting the remaining two *Hawk* missiles into an unrecognisable mass.

The investigation of the UFO problem was launched in the US by the military. In 1974, on order from the Air Force commander, they started *Project Sign*. The Air Technical Intelligence Centre was responsible for research. Back in February 1953, head of the anti-aircraft committee of the continent, General Benjamin Chidlow stated; "We have a great mass of reports about flying saucers. We regard this very seriously, because we have lost many people and many aircraft which have attempted to attack UFOs." *Project Sign* was subsequently renamed *Grudge* and then *Fang*. But it is better known under the name *Project Blue Book*.

In 1954 the French Ministry of the Armed Forces established a department to collect information about

UFOs. In 1977 the French National Space Research Centre created a group of experts to study unidentified aerospace phenomena, GEPAN.

In 1960-1970, public organisations studying UFOs mushroomed throughout the world, notably in Bulgaria, Denmark, West Germany and Mexico. Later UFO fever spread to Canada, Britain, Japan, China and other countries.

In the autumn of 1978, the First Committee of the 33rd UN General Assembly discussed the question of launching international UFO research. The discussion was based on a memorandum from ICUFON, a public US organisation studying UFOs. It provided a wealth of information on the military-technical and military-political aspect of the problem. Afterwards, though, information on UFO research in the West dwindled. The press published only distorted and superficial information about UFOs. At that time, the US launched the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

The study of UFOs in the Soviet Union started in 1958 by a group of enthusiasts led by Feliks Zigel, assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute and the founder of UFOlogy in the Soviet Union. In the mid-1970s, information about UFOs was collected by the Institute of Earth Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radio Waves, led by Vladimir Migulin, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences. In 1984, a commission to study anomalous phenomena, led by Vsevolod Troitsky, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, was established at the national scientific and technological society of nature protection. In April last year, Tomsk hosted a conference on sporadic instant phenomena, which rallied more than 300 scientists and experts from major scientific centres of the Soviet Union. The conference recommended that the Siberian branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences draft a comprehensive programme for the study of the problem.

Many Soviet and foreign scientists tried to present the UFO phenomenon as a natural thing, such as optical atmospheric effects, flocks of birds, rare astronomical phenomena, meteorites, luminous insects, frauds, weather balloons, aircraft, missile launches, streams of space particles, clusters of light, ball lightning, luminous pollutants, Polar lights, etc.

According to the USSR Academy of Sciences, some 90-95 per cent of UFO reports are a result of such causes or a combination of them. But the remaining share constitutes tens of thousands of unexplained phenomena.

Successful study of UFOs is impossible without a considerable expansion of our views of the world. The idea of a multi-dimensional and multi-layered Universe, of parallel or intertwined physical worlds was voiced by major scientists, notably Paul Ehrenfest, Konstantin Tsiolkovski, Aleksandr Friedman, Anatoly Logunov, and Dmitry Blokhintsev.

Materialising the principles of the new political thinking, the Soviet Union is actively working for universal security and disarmament. Against this background, the world public cannot but be worried by the US carrying on with the SDI programme. This ballistic missile defence is designed to control outer space and destroy near-earth, air and space targets. Any system can be effective only if it is managed by super-quick computer systems. It is most important here to correctly identify targets. So, corresponding computer cells must "know" what signal characteristics of the object it is tracking can make it a potential target.

We believe that lack of information on the characteristics and influence of UFOs increases the threat of

incorrect identification. Then, mass transition of UFOs along trajectories close to those of combat missiles could be regarded by computers as an attack.

In the autumn of 1960, all bombers at the Trevis Air Force base in the United States were put on red alert for an attack against the Soviet Union after the base radars detected "targets" flying via the North Pole to the US territory. Suddenly the "targets" disappeared from the screen, and were later explained as "radar reflections of the Moon".

In SDI conditions such incidents could provoke immediate reaction from computers to destroy the "targets", say, by an X-ray laser, which means a powerful nuclear explosion. Or SDI computers could order a counter-attack, which might prove unwarranted. It should be remembered that decisions will be taken not by people but by impartial computers which "know nothing of UFOs". There would be no time to determine the cause of the conflict then, but those who are creating SDI should think about it now.

The UFO problem remains unsolved. It is difficult to predict what would have happened if an incident similar to the Tungus one happened in Europe, America or any other region of local conflicts. Back in 1968, Feliks Zigel, the main Soviet researcher of the problem, said: "The subject and aims of UFO research are

sufficiently important to justify any effort. Understandably, international co-operation is vitally needed here."

#### NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

The criticisms which, in this article, the two Soviet authors (no doubt following the usual "Party line") direct at the United States on account of the "*Star Wars*" programme can, of course, be dismissed at once as pure nonsense and camouflage. No doubt the authors know perfectly well — as both the American and the Soviet Governments know perfectly well — that the American "*Star Wars*" or *S.I.D.* Programme IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND NEVER HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION! IT IS DIRECTED AGAINST SOMETHING ELSE!

If you read the rest of the article carefully, you will see that the two authors know perfectly well that: (1) UFOs do exist; (2) that they are not "plasma formations"; and (3) that they appear to be a serious threat to all mankind.

(Another interesting little point is that the article even contains a brief reference to the theory of "Parallel Universes"! This is the first such mention that I have ever seen in any Marxist source!)

## II — DR JACQUES VALLÉE IN RUSSIA

Dr Vallée telephoned to me recently from Paris, saying that he had just come back from Russia.

I was particularly gratified to hear that his general view of events there coincided completely with the lengthy summary which I had given in FSR 34/4. In

particular, I understood him to say that there had definitely been more than one reported UFO landing in or around Voronezh in the closing days of September 1989.

G.C.

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# Circles Again

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Address on page 23.

From newspaper EL MUNDO (Spain), May 7, 1990.  
(Translation from Spanish, G.C.)

## UFO LEAVES CIRCULAR MARK 4 METRES WIDE ON AN ARGENTINE FOOTBALL PITCH

Report from Buenos Aires:

Residents of El Carmen, 60 kms. to the south of Buenos Aires, insisted yesterday that a UFO had left a circular mark more than 4 metres in diameter last Friday (May 4) on the turf of a small football field.

A commission consisting of 35 residents of the area attended at the Police Station yesterday to testify to the phenomenon.

Raúl Marozzi, a 20-year-old youth, was preparing to take part in a football match there with friends, and arrived at 3.00 p.m. local time, half an hour before the start. According to his statement, he was "paralyzed" by the sight of "a very powerful light that blinded me".

He went on to state that, as soon as he was able to react, he ran to call people living in the neighbourhood, who for the space of an hour were able to observe the "spectacle" of the hovering UFO.

Luis Burgos, an expert from the Argentine UFO Association (AAO) explained that "on this occasion, unlike what usually happens, instead of being scorched, the grass changed colour to an intense green — almost bluish".

He added that what happened was similar to "an accelerated process of photosynthesis", being the result of the presence of the unidentified flying object above the football pitch, for more than one hour, at a height of 20 metres.

The last sighting of a UFO in the Buenos Aires area was at the end of 1988.

A UFO also left a similar mark on the grass in the General San Martín Park at La Plata, capital city of the Province of Buenos Aires.

(Credit and thanks to J. Plana Crivillén, FSR Consultant, of Barcelona.)

## THE "PICTOGRAMS"

OVER our fair realm of Merrie England, the whirlwinds, or the dust-devils, or the hedgehogs, or the plasma vortices (maybe a grand combination of all of these, cavorting in concert) have once more been up to their merrie and prankish tricks. We give, opposite, an excellent selection of the images, as furnished by Mr Wingfield to illustrate his article. But FSR is a tiny journal which cannot compete with the great publishing houses with all their resources for colour printing, and we urge all those who wish to delve more deeply and study the wonderful aerial photographs to go straight to the specialized books:-

1. Delgado & Andrews: *Circular Evidence*. (Bloomsbury Pub. Co., London, 1989.) Superb colour photographs.
2. Delgado & Andrews: *The Latest Evidence*. (Bloomsbury, 1990.) More superb colour photographs.
3. Ralph Noyes (Editor): *The Crop Circle Enigma*. (Gateway Books, 1990.) Still more superb colour photographs, plus (some might think marred by) a plethora of "wiseacring" and speculation which surely cannot all be expected to yield an answer.

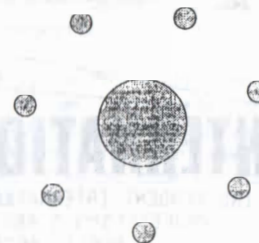
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FIRST PICTOGRAM, CHILCOMB, 23/5/90



SECOND PICTOGRAM  
CHEESEFOOT HEAD, 1/6/90



OCTUPLET FORMATION,  
BICKINGTON, DEVON, 10/6/90.



SEGMENTED TRIPLE-RINGER  
CHEESEFOOT HEAD, JUNE 1990



THIRD PICTOGRAM, CHEESEFOOT HEAD, 18/6/90



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LITCHFIELD, 23/6/90.



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LONGWOOD ESTATE, 28/6/90



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### HUNGARY

#### RESEARCH GROUP ISSUES REPORT ON LOCAL SIGHTINGS

The HUNGARIAN UFO RESEARCH NETWORK (HUFON) recently published a report on UFO sightings in late-1989 around the eastern Hungarian village of Hencida. According to reports, local farmer Sandor Gyorke was in the process of plowing his fields in late afternoon on 17 November 1989 when he observed what he thought was a fire in a nearby field. Upon closer inspection Gyorke concluded it was nothing out of the ordinary. Shortly thereafter, when he had resumed plowing, he noticed a red light descending upon the tractor. Gyorke was able to make out a 'half-cone pyramid' shape as the light hovered over the tractor and extended out over a 60-meter radius.

For the next seventy minutes the light hovered above and moved together with the tractor as Gyorke continued plowing his field, until it finally disappeared. Although Gyorke reported that his tractor and its radio continued to function, shortly after the light vanished he noticed that his vehicle was overheating and later discovered that 30 liters of water had inexplicably evaporated from its cooling system.

Astonishingly, Gyorke later observed the object again, as he returned to his home, this time hovering or landing on a river-

bank. He further described it as two cylinders, a thin one atop a larger one, with a total height of about three meters. He also noticed the next day that the tractor was covered with what he described as an 'oily smut' residue.

On that same evening, other groups of fieldworkers observed a 'Christmas tree-shaped' object with a vibrating light. A family driving on a nearby country road claimed that their car had been followed by an elliptical-shaped red fireball. The following night the family reported observing a blue-green light emanating from the forest along the same country road.

The Hencida sightings received more than the usual press coverage from local newspapers. Although some of reporting was objective, the usual debunking attempts were made. One astronomer attempted to explain away the sightings as 'polar light', and one report even claimed that the object was a downed weather balloon.

HUFON investigator LASZLO KISS, who interviewed the witnesses, stated that at least one landing circle was found where Gyorke had reportedly seen the object close to the ground. Kiss rebutted the polar light theory in the newly-liberated Hungarian press and defended the credibility of the witnesses.

HUFON is seeking to establish an information exchange with research groups in the West. Contact: LASZLO KISS, HUNGARIAN UFO RESEARCH NETWORK, DEBRECEN PF: 160, H-4002, HUNGARY.

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### USSR

#### VORONEZH GROUP BOOK RELEASE MARKS CHANGING TIMES IN THE SOVIET UNION

One year after the now-famous Voronezh sightings caught the attention of world media, the VORONEZH JOINT ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA RESEARCH COMMITTEE (VJAPRC) has published a 175-page book in Russian entitled "UFOS IN VORONEZH." The book, a collective effort by VJAPRC researchers Yu. LOZOTSEV, F. KISSELIYOV, V. MARTYNOV, A. MOSOLOV and G. SILANOV, is a breakthrough for Soviet ufologists. According to YURI LOZOTSEV, even a year ago it was practically impossible to publish such a book in the Soviet Union, where a ban of objective discussion of the phenomenon in the mass media has long been in effect.

It was 1967 when the Committee on the Study of UFOs, affiliated with the Central House of Aviation and Cosmonautics, was established in Moscow. This was the first publicly acknowledged organization to study the phenomenon in the Soviet Union, but the committee existed only for a few months before it was disbanded. It did, however, serve to motivate many enthusiasts who formed what Lozotsev calls an "invisible college," a non-formal network of researchers united by a common interest.

In fact, it was only in November 1989 that the subject of UFOs was allowed to emerge from the shadows, when it was placed on the agenda of BIOENERGOINFORM-89, the First All Union Conference of "Problems of Energy and Information Exchange in Nature," held in Moscow and attended by 1200 participants representing various scientific and parapsychological disciplines.

The Voronezh investigation group had actually been conducting research for some twelve years before the it was given a government go-ahead to officially organize in the spring of 1990. When VJAPRC was informally organized in 1978, it went virtually unnoticed by government and public alike. Nonetheless, VJAPRC succeeded in establishing lines of communication with Aeroflot Airlines, meteorological services, geological and geophysical expeditions and other organizations. Most of the sightings came from the eastern dis-

tricts of the region, where numerous radar sightings were reported.

During these early years, VJAPRC researchers became accustomed to events of high strangeness, which defied logical explanation. Nevertheless, they were astounded by the unbelievability of some of the 1989 Voronezh reports.

Nearly 500 witnesses have been interviewed by VJAPRC to sightings within the region, which are still ongoing. In fact, the sightings have been so numerous that the understaffed group is backlogged with reports to check out.

Many witnesses have submitted photographs to VJAPRC for analysis, some of which were presented in a two-hour television program broadcast in December 1989, along with results of various analyses made of soil samples.

Lozotsev acknowledges that post-World War II UFO sightings in the Soviet Union have been as numerous as those in the United States and many other countries. Apparently, the threat of being committed to mental hospitals effectively kept witnesses from reporting incidents, and Lozotsev feels this policy has resulted in the loss of decades of valuable data.

As of November 1990, however, VJAPRC states that they are receiving new exciting reports on a regular basis.

In conclusion, VJAPRC calls for a worldwide cooperation of efforts by all those investigating the phenomenon.

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OUR THANKS TO MS. JULIE  
FAJERMAN FOR HER HELP  
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## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

12 March 1991

Dear Paul,

Thanks for sending me the VUFORS magazine. I always find it interesting reading.

The information and reports of UFO activity never ceases does it? You must receive far more than I do because of your organized input, even so, I keep receiving reports not only from England but from other countries as well. World wide, this is enormous activity of UFOs, it is relentless and covers every aspect of sightings and encounters. The effect on those associated with these occurrences vary considerably as you know, from totally changed lives to a mild awareness of 'something else'. I have the strong impression that we are driven to constantly trying to prove to some nebulous authority that there are such things as alien spacecraft and entities: it is not a trick of the imagination, there really are inexplicable incidents taking place, there really are other realms beyond our present level of understanding.

To add to this confusion, we are faced with an assortment of intangible facets of various phenomena. Even if you channel your investigations into a narrow band research, you are constantly reminded of other associations which merge into yours so you are never sure

where your boundaries are, there are no well-defined edges.

This points to an overall intelligence and an infinite source of energy from which can be drawn hybrid energies to create or manipulate anything. All are interrelated and requires an understanding that is beyond our present capability. The situation is not as hopeless as these words may present. It is all a matter of evolution, the rate of which we have no control, we can only absorb and record and for some, speculate, as does Dr Jan Pajak. Such writings as his display a lively mind and a desperate will to pigeon-hole a phenomena whose functions must be based on the orthodox with the details of the true fundamentals left unexplained. The Magnocraft remains a candidate. His explanations may have parallels to their true theory and it's probably a popular conception, but the trick is to predict what UFOs can do rather than explain what they might have done as seen through the eyes of orthodoxy. The same attitude takes place with explaining the creation of crop pictograms and it really is a case of wait and see. Of course we should not just stand by and watch these incidents in a mindless way. Both UFOs and crop pictograms must continue to be recorded in all details but speculation must be held in check.

These phenomena are akin to a main line railway that has many

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branch lines. Some people are tempted to race off down one of these branches which end by vanishing into a wall of inconclusions. Much better to travel along the main line and note the side attractions and all carried out at a steady and manageable pace.

There is a good point to speculation; it sometimes triggers off other ideas and in doing so it widens the spectrum from which the seed of what seems a valid nucleus is born. It all relates to a softly, softly approach. The carpet of knowledge is rolled up with only a little of the pattern of information showing. Do not extrapolate to what you think is on the rest of the pattern by what is displayed now.

SUNDAY MAIL, Glasgow, Scotland  
Nov. 11, 1990 CR: T. Good

## Airline pilot spots UFO

**A** PILOT who has been flying for 23 years is convinced he saw a UFO last week. British Airways Captain Mike D'Alton said the bright object must have been travelling at a phenomenal speed.

He described it as a large silver disc with three points of light - in arrow formation - in the front, and a fourth light behind it.

"I've never seen anything like it before and can't explain what it was," said the 42-year-old West Sussex flier.

He said it was visible for about two minutes over Genoa, during his Boeing 737 night flight from Rome to Gatwick.

"My co-pilot and I called in two cabin crew to see it and then it went out of sight."

"Ground radar couldn't pick it up, so it must have been travelling at phenomenal speed."

Captain D'Alton said he has told the UFO Society Research Association about the mysterious object.

News is continuing to arrive in my mail of circles unmentioned by farmers who had no wish last summer to have sightseers on their land. I have just received a photo of a single, very large circle located very close to a busy motorway, and another close to a well used main road.

The momentum of crop pictograms remains constant, it has created an interest--even a following, which is global. They are often associated with UFO activity just as the reverse is referred to. Hope to hear from you again soon. Best wishes,

Pat Delgado.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As the membership must be aware, this Society is a non-profit organisation funded only by its membership. Each committee member has their own job responsibilities apart from the Society, which must take top priority. Society business is all carried out on a voluntary basis and therefore is done as time permits. Overall, it costs this very active committee considerable time and expense to give the necessary attention to committee meetings, the Bulletin and Discussion Nights. We have been prompted to set out this information as recently, several letters have been received regarding membership reminders.

It has been the practice of the Membership Secretary to send out renewal reminders between the third and fourth editions of the Bulletin, so that if members are a little tardy in renewing, they will not miss out on an edition. Please don't be offended if or when you receive one of our Subscription Forms, which requests details of age and occupation. That also has its purpose.

All our mail is entered in a Triplicate Book. Since we cannot afford office space, where everything would be conveniently close at hand and we are limited on space in our homes, we cannot accommodate too much paper work. So I try to keep the Triplicate Book up to date, so that if we require any assistance in a certain area, we can check the book to see who has offered assistance and in what capacity. All our records are kept confidential.

You may be interested to learn of some of our recent expenses:

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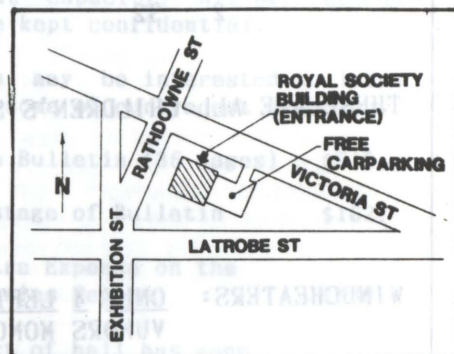
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## DISCUSSION NIGHT

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# SOCIETY HISTORY

## 1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.



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